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The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I represent the Trident CEO Council, a group of executives from the Tri-County Region employing in excess of 10,000 associates in the local community, advocating a culture to **STAND FOR PROGRESS** in our Lowcountry Region.

The status of our infrastructure in South Carolina is deteriorating. Our roads and bridges are "falling apart" and there has been little action taken. We clearly recognize that it is vitally important that our employees, customers, products and services move in a safe and efficient manner throughout our region and state.

It is time to address infrastructure funding in this upcoming legislative session. The condition of our infrastructure isn't just a concrete and asphalt issue - it is quickly becoming a major impediment to the future growth and economic development of our state. During your first four years of office, you have become known as our economic development Governor. There is concern that the great success at attracting and expanding jobs in our state will soon begin to wane if our infrastructure continues to deteriorate while our neighbors and competitors, North Carolina and Georgia, take advantage of this flaw in our state's competitiveness.

We are asking you and the legislature for a dedicated revenue source to help solve this significant problem facing our state. It's time we solve the problem instead of ignoring it.

We applaud your efforts making South Carolina a more competitive economic driver in the region and country. To continue this success we must bring our roads and bridges up to par with our competitors in the Southeast.

Thank you for your Leadership.

Respectfully and Supportively,



Tom Leonard
Executive Director, Trident CEO Council

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